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### REMARKS

Claims 1-59 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has cancelled Claims 28-31, 46-57 and 59 without prejudice, consistent with Applicant's election of the Group I invention. Claims 4-6, 8, 20, 26 and 38 have been amended. Hence, Claims 1-27, 32-45 and 48 are presented for examination herein.

#### *Restriction Election*

Per teleconference with the Examiner on December 9, 2004, Applicant has herein interpreted the Group I invention to include Claims 21-27, which were not identified in the restriction requirement.

#### *Amendments*

By this paper, Applicant has amended Claims 4-6, 8, 20, 26 and 38 to alter various of their dependencies, and to correct an editorial defect on Claim 20. Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter. The additions to Claim 20 are supported at, *inter alia*, page 9, lines 14-18 of the specification as filed.

#### *Other Remarks*

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that any cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention and responding to the aforementioned restriction election, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to the invention, or (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.

Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to a given claim or claims are limited solely to such claim or claims.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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